CLAIMS

What is claimed is: .

1. A method for digital content access control, comprising:

   determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;

   sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;

   receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

   receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

   sending an authenticated digital content request associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a digital content repository; and

   receiving said digital content in response to said sending said authenticated digital content request.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein

   said method further comprises determining one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

   said sending further comprises sending said one or more delivery parameters.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing at least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a user device.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is embedded in a Web cookie.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

6. A method for digital content access control, comprising:

    receiving an authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content
    specification;

    validating said authenticated rights locker access request; and

    if said validating indicates said authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

    creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an
    authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content
    stored by a digital content repository; and

    sending a new authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein at least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising embedding said new authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

9. The method of claim 6, further comprising encapsulating said new authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message before said sending.

10. A method for digital content access control, comprising:

determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;

sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;

receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

sending said new authenticated rights locker access request and an indication of the right associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a rights locker provider; and

receiving said digital content in response to said sending said new authenticated rights locker access request.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein

said method further comprises determining one or more delivery parameters, said

one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be

sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

said sending further comprises sending said one or more delivery parameters.

12. The method of claim 10, further comprising storing at least part of said new

authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a user device.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request

is embedded in a Web cookie.

14. The method of claim 10 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request

is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

15. A method for digital content access control, comprising:

receiving a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content

specification;

validating said first authenticated rights locker access request; and

if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is

valid,

creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

stored by a digital content repository;

sending a second authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page;

receiving and validating said second authenticated rights locker access request;

obtaining an authenticated digital content request if said second authenticated

rights locker access request is valid; and

sending said authenticated digital content request to a digital content repository.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein at least part of said second authenticated rights

locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising embedding said second authenticated

rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising encapsulating said second authenticated

rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message before said sending.

19. A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of

instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content

access control, the method comprising:

determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker

access request;

sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content

specification;

receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one

or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or

more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

sending an authenticated digital content request associated with said one of said one

or more clickable links to a digital content repository; and

receiving said digital content in response to said sending said authenticated digital

content request.

20. The program storage device of claim 19 wherein

said method further comprises determining one or more delivery parameters, said

one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be

sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

said sending further comprises sending said one or more delivery parameters.

21. The program storage device of claim 19, said method further comprising storing at

least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a

user device.

22. The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said new authenticated rights locker

access request is embedded in a Web cookie.

23. The program storage device of claim 19 wherein said new authenticated rights locker

access request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

24. A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of

instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content

access control, the method comprising:

receiving an authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content

specification;

validating said authenticated rights locker access request; and

if said validating indicates said authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

stored by a digital content repository; and

sending a new authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page.

25. The program storage device of claim 24 wherein at least part of said new

authenticated rights locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user

device.

26. The program storage device of claim 24, said method further comprising embedding

said new authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said

sending.

27. The program storage device of claim 24, said method further comprising

encapsulating said new authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP

Response message before said sending.

28. A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of

instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content

access control, the method comprising:

determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker

access request;

sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content

specification;

receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one

or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or

more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

sending said new authenticated rights locker access request and an indication of the

right associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a rights

locker provider; and

receiving said digital content in response to said sending said new authenticated

rights locker access request.

29. The program storage device of claim 28 wherein

said method further comprises determining one or more delivery parameters, said

one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital content should be

sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

said sending further comprises sending said one or more delivery parameters.

30. The program storage device of claim 28, said method further comprising storing at

least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a

user device.

31. The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said new authenticated rights locker

access request is embedded in a Web cookie.

32. The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said new authenticated rights locker

access request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

33. A program storage device readable by a machine, embodying a program of

instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for digital content

access control, the method comprising:

receiving a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content

specification;

validating said first authenticated rights locker access request; and

if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is

valid,

creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

stored by a digital content repository;

sending a second authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page;

receiving and validating said second authenticated rights locker access request;

obtaining an authenticated digital content request if said second authenticated

rights locker access request is valid; and

sending said authenticated digital content request to a digital content repository.

34. The program storage device of claim 33 wherein at least part of said second

authenticated rights locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user

device.

35. The program storage device of claim 33, further comprising embedding said second

authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

36. The program storage device of claim 33, further comprising encapsulating said

second authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message

before said sending.

37. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

means for determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated

rights locker access request;

means for sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital

content specification;

means for receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page

with one or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said

one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content

request;

means for receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more

clickable links;

means for sending an authenticated digital content request associated with said one

of said one or more clickable links to a digital content repository; and

means for receiving said digital content in response to said sending said

authenticated digital content request.

38. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein

said apparatus further comprises means for determining one or more delivery

parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital

content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

said means for sending further comprises means for sending said one or more

delivery parameters.

39. The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising means for storing at least part of said

new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a user device.

40. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is embedded in a Web cookie.

41. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

42. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

means for receiving an authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content specification;

means for validating said authenticated rights locker access request; and

means for if said validating indicates said authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content stored by a digital content repository; and

sending a new authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page.

43. The apparatus of claim 42 wherein at least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

44. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising means for embedding said new authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

45. The apparatus of claim 42, further comprising means for encapsulating said new authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message before said sending.

46. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

means for determining a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;

means for sending said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;

means for receiving a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

means for receiving an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

means for sending said new authenticated rights locker access request and an indication of the right associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a rights locker provider; and

means for receiving said digital content in response to said sending said new authenticated rights locker access request.

47. The apparatus of claim 46 wherein

said apparatus further comprises means for determining one or more delivery

parameters, said one or more delivery parameters indicating where said digital

content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or both; and

said means for sending further comprises means for sending said one or more

delivery parameters.

48. The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising means for storing at least part of said

new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a user device.

49. The apparatus of claim 46 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access

request is embedded in a Web cookie.

50. The apparatus of claim 46 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access

request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

51. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

means for receiving a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital

content specification;

means for validating said first authenticated rights locker access request; and

means for if said validating indicates said first authenticated rights locker access

request is valid,

creating a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

stored by a digital content repository;

sending a second authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page;

receiving and validating said second authenticated rights locker access request;

obtaining an authenticated digital content request if said second authenticated

rights locker access request is valid; and

sending said authenticated digital content request to a digital content repository.

52. The apparatus of claim 51 wherein at least part of said second authenticated rights

locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

53. The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising means for embedding said second

authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

54. The apparatus of claim 51, further comprising means for encapsulating said second

authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message before said

sending.

55. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

a memory for storing said digital content; and

a processor configured to:

determine a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker

access request;

send said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content

specification;

receive a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one

or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or

more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

receive an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

send an authenticated digital content request associated with said one of said one

or more clickable links to a digital content repository; and

receive said digital content in response to said sending said authenticated digital

content request.

56. The apparatus of claim 55 wherein said processor is further configured to:

determine one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters

indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or

both; and

send said one or more delivery parameters.

57. The apparatus of claim 55 wherein said apparatus comprises a smart card.

58. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a Java Card™

technology-enabled smart card.

59. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) technology-enabled smart card.

60. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card.

61. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a WIM (Wireless Interface Module).

62. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a USIM (Universal Subscriber Identity Module).

63. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a UIM (User Identity Module).

64. The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said smart card comprises a R-UIM (Removable User Identity Module).

65. The apparatus of claim 55 wherein said processor is further configured to store at least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a user device.

66. The apparatus of claim 55 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is embedded in a Web cookie.

67. The apparatus of claim 55 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

68. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

   a memory for storing one or more rights lockers that describe digital content access

      rights; and

   a processor configured to:

      receive an authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content

         specification;

      validate said authenticated rights locker access request; and

      if said validation indicates said authenticated rights locker access request is valid,

         create a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

            authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

            stored by a digital content repository; and

      send a new authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page.

69. The apparatus of claim 68 wherein at least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

70. The apparatus of claim 68 wherein said processor is further configured to embed said new authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said sending.

71. The apparatus of claim 68 wherein said processor is further configured to encapsulate said new authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP Response message before said sending.

72. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

a memory for storing said digital content; and

a processor configured to:

determine a digital content specification and associated authenticated rights locker access request;

send said authenticated rights locker access request and said digital content specification;

receive a new authenticated rights locker access request and a Web page with one or more clickable links in response to said sending, at least one of said one or more clickable links associated with an authenticated digital content request;

receive an indication of a user selection of one of said one or more clickable links;

send said new authenticated rights locker access request and an indication of the right associated with said one of said one or more clickable links to a rights locker provider; and

receive said digital content in response to said sending said new authenticated rights locker access request.

73. The apparatus of claim 72 wherein said processor is further configured to:

   determine one or more delivery parameters, said one or more delivery parameters

   indicating where said digital content should be sent, a delivery mechanism, or

   both; and

   send said one or more delivery parameters.

74. The apparatus of claim 72 wherein said apparatus comprises a smart card.

75. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a Java Card™

   technology-enabled smart card.

76. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a CDMA (Code

   Division Multiple Access) technology-enabled smart card.

77. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a SIM (Subscriber

   Identity Module) card.

78. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a WIM (Wireless

   Interface Module).

79. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a USIM (Universal

   Subscriber Identity Module).

80. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a UIM (User Identity

Module).

. 81. The apparatus of claim 74 wherein said smart card comprises a R-UIM (Removable

User Identity Module).

82. The apparatus of claim 72 wherein said processor is further configured to store at

least part of said new authenticated rights locker access request in a bookmark on a

user device.

83. The apparatus of claim 72 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access

request is embedded in a Web cookie.

84. The apparatus of claim 72 wherein said new authenticated rights locker access

request is encapsulated in an HTTP Response message.

85. An apparatus for digital content access control, comprising:

a memory for storing one or more rights lockers that describe digital content access

rights; and

a processor configured to:

receive a first authenticated rights locker access request and a digital content

specification;

validate said first authenticated rights locker access request; and

if said validation indicates said first authenticated rights locker access request is

valid,

create a Web page with one or more clickable links that comprise an

authenticated digital content request for use in accessing digital content

stored by a digital content repository;

send a second authenticated rights locker access request and said Web page;

receive and validating said second authenticated rights locker access request;

obtain an authenticated digital content request if said second authenticated

rights locker access request is valid; and

send said authenticated digital content request to a digital content repository.

86. The apparatus of claim 85 wherein at least part of said second authenticated rights

locker access request is for storage in a bookmark on a user device.

87. The apparatus of claim 85 wherein said processor is further configured to embed said

second authenticated rights locker access request in a Web cookie before said

sending.

88. The apparatus of claim 85 wherein said processor is further configured to

encapsulate said second authenticated rights locker access request in an HTTP

Response message before said sending.